

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bennett, et al.
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For : ULTRASOUND ASSEMBLY WITH
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Examiner : Baisakhi Roy
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance for the above-identified application.

Applicants have also considered the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants assumes that, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner has stated some, but not all, of the reasons for allowance of the claims and that, as a result, the statements given in the Notice of Allowance do not necessarily relate to or completely set out the reasons for allowance of each and every claim.

To the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of these allowed claims rests on the recitation of a certain feature or features and not each claim as a whole, Applicants respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement. Further, to the extent that the Examiner's Statement omits claim elements, groups claims together, or identifies purportedly distinguishing features of a claim or a group of claims, Applicants respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement. Rather, Applicants submit that the allowed claims are allowable, because each claim,

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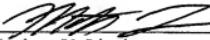
taken as a whole, recites a unique combination of features that is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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